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1. An airfield with three hangars, each about 70 meters long, was north of Nikolayev (32°1'E/46°58'N), Ukrainian SSR, 300 to 400 meters north of the Ingul River, just east of the road leading from the north Shipyard across the Ingul River toward the north, northwest of Camp No 7126/7. The field was occupied by 30 to 40 planes.

2. Parachute jumps were observed over another airfield east of Nikolayev. Not more than 12 parachutists were seen in the air at the same time.

3. A large airfield was on the eastern town perimeter of Nikolayev, in the direction of Kherson (32°36'E/46°38'N). Most of the hangars and buildings were destroyed. Two or three concrete runways were seen.

4. The field was occupied by fighters and bombers.

5. A small airfield without solid buildings was northwest of the North Shipyard and Camp No 7126/2, north of the Ingul River. Only U-2s were seen taking off and landing at the field.

6. A seaplane base, the installations of which were destroyed, was southwest of the airfield. No construction or clearing work was seen. Some amphibians were once seen landing on the water.

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7. In good weather, MiG-15s continually took off and landed southeast of the Nikolayev Shipyard, beyond a ridge.

8. An airfield, about 2 x 1½ km, was adjacent to the PW camp, north of the Ingul River. Two destroyed hangars and a cantonment building, occupied by air force personnel, were on the southern edge of the field.

9. Three or four biplanes were parked at the field.

10. There was intensive flying over Nikolayev with fighters and twin-engine bombers which were apparently stationed at an airfield west of the town.

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a. During the German occupation the small airfield north of the Ingul River served for the repair and stripping of damaged aircraft.

[redacted] the field was occupied only by trainers. From 50X1-HUM the flying observed it is concluded that an initial pilot school (possibly a Dosav school) is there.

b. A runway and taxiways were constructed at the field southeast of Nikolayev during the German occupation. The report indicates that a pilot school may be at the field. This assumption is supported by the information on intensive flying with single and twin-engine aircraft (formation flying was not mentioned), and occasional parachute jumps from a twin-engine Douglas plane. These parachute jumps may have been made by Soviet civilians since the working population was constantly called upon to participate in parachute training. According to another report [redacted] a parachute school equipped with transports and cargo gliders is in Nikolayev.

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